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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 18, 2009, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from November 18, 2009 to December 18, 2009.

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